

Monday, October 1, 2007

9:30 a.m. Ceremonial Moot Courtroom

University of Maryland School of Law

500 West Baltimore Street

Baltimore, Maryland

After a period of improvement, lethal and non-lethal violent crime in Baltimore is on the rise. The Domestic Policy Subcommittee hearing will examine innovative approaches to combating drug abuse, drug-related violence, and gang activity in Baltimore. The focus of the hearing will be on evaluating practical alternatives to incarceration to prevent drug use and drug-related violence.

The hearing will study the provision and coordination of multiple services to at-risk juveniles and young adults, including mental health and substance abuse treatment, job training, and housing. It will also take a look at the best practices in the operation of drug courts and emergent problem-solving courts and coordinated community outreach to at-risk individuals and low-level offenders.

Witnesses for the hearing include:

Panel I

Ms. Lena Franklin, Director, *Recovery in Community*

Ms. Rita Fayall, Program Coordinator, *Meet-Me-Halfway Mentoring Program*

Mr. Leon Faruq, Program Director, *Operation Safe Street East*

Ms. Sheryl Goldstein, Director, *Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice*

Panel II

The Hon. Ellen M. Heller, Retired, Administrative Judge and Judge in Charge of the Civil Docket, *Circuit Court of Baltimore City*

The Hon. Jamey H. Weitzman, Associate Judge, *District Court of Baltimore City*

The Hon. David W. Young, Associate Judge, *Circuit Court of Baltimore City*

Panel III

Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, Commissioner, *Baltimore City Health Department*

Dr. Philip J. Leaf, Professor, *Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health*

Documents and Links

- [Judge Jamey Weitzman Testimony](#)
- [Dr. Joshua Sharfstein Testimony](#)

- [Mr. Leon Faruq Testimony](#)
- [Congressman Kucinich Opening Statement](#)
- [Judge Ellen Heller Testimony](#)
- [Lynn Goldman Testimony](#)
- [Philip Leaf Testimony](#)
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- [Lena M. Franklin Testimony](#)